history of Travancore or in the history of the Forest Department have been allowed to do so?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): After 1925, the area from which manure leaves could be collected has been specified.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether before 1925 the practice of collecting manure leaves from the Forest areas by the payment of small fee, was permitted?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the farmers are put to various difficulties in not permitting them to collect manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it would not be a sort of income for the Government if such licenses are issued to the agriculturists?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not consider it so.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA IYER (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know the nature of the objection that the Government have?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): If manure leaves are allowed to be collected the Reserve may be destroyed.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): How is that? Only manure leaves are allowed to be collected.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is not easy to find that out. People may get into the reserve and take away other forest produce as well.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I wonder why they cannot be permitted to issue licenses?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have permitted people to collect manure from certain areas but not from all areas.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Yes. Why is it allowed in only specified areas?

PRESIDENT The Government Member has answered that permission is allowed to collect manure leaves from forest areas where no damage is likely to be done to the forest produce and they are not allowed in other places where it is likely to damage forest produces.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Does the Government realise that it affects agriculture if they are not allowed to collect manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is why they have allowed 1,400 acres and odd from which to collect manure leaves.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is any Reserve in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Government have any objection to collecting manure leaves from outside the scrub jungle reserve?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government object to people collecting manure from places outside the areas already allowed.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Will not permission granted for removal of manure leaves from Forest Reserve under certain restrictions minimise chances of forest fires?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In places where there are no scrub jungle reserves is the Government of opinion that manure leaves could not be collected by the neighbouring farmers without damage to the forest produce?

PRESIDENT: That is asking for opinion.

Wet lands in the Forest Reserves in the Nedumangad taluk.

60. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is some wet land known as "Kattilakuzhy Karikam" inside the Palode Reserve in Nedumangad taluk;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, its extent;

(*c*) whether any person has applied for its registry;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, who has applied and when that application was put in

(*e*) what action has been taken upon the said application and

(*f*) whether they have settled upon giving the land in registry to the said applicant?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 5 acres roughly.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) One Joseph of Nambivilakam House, Puttichakonam Muri Anchamada pakuthi, on 14-6-1110.

(*e*) The matter is under correspondence.

(*f*) In view of answer to (*e*) the question does not arise.

V. P. School for Girls at Karakulam.

61. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many girl's schools there are in Nedumangad taluk;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to discontinue the V. P. School for Girls at Karakulam;

(*c*) whether they are aware that Nedumangad taluk is most backward in point of education, and especially of female education;

(*d*) whether the V. P. School for Girls at Karakulam is put up in a Government building;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, how long it is put up in a rented building; and

(*f*) why no building is constructed to put up the above school?

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